

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: J. Brier
HIDAKI OHSHIMA et al.	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2628
Application No.: 09/176,274	)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 7987
Filed: October 21, 1998	)	
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING	)	
APPARATUS AND METHOD,	:	
AND COMPUTER-READABLE	)	
MEMORY	:	May 18, 2007

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated January 18, 2007 for one month from April 18, 2007 to May 18, 2007.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge \$120.00 to cover the fee for the extension or any deficiency therein, or to credit any overpayment, Deposit Account 50-3939.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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